1	2	3	4	5
28	Goa, Daman & Diu	.80	10.0	60
29	Mizoram	160	2.0	120
30	Pondicherry	1.9	0.5	0.9
31	Lakshadweep	0.1	..	0.1
		6463	811.10	4864

equal to 1622m. seedlings

6486m seedlings equal to 3.25 Million hactares

Problems in the development of Eastern Zone

*160. SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the meeting of the Eastern Zonal Council held during September, 1983, some particular problems in the development of the Eastern Zone were placed by the member States;

(b) if so, what are the details of the problems;

(c) what steps the Central Government have taken to sort out those problems;

(d) what is the result achieved from those measures; and

(e) if no measures to sort out those problems have been made so far, what steps the Central Governemnt propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The problems relating to the development of mining, rail and road transport, power, irrigation, forests & tourism etc. were discussed and the decisions taken at its earlier meeting held in April, 1981 were reviewed at the meeting of the Council held in September, 1983.

(c) to (e) The issues were reviewed and examined at subsequent meetings of the Standing Committee of the Council. The recommendations made by the Council and the Standing Committee were referred to the Planning Commission, concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments for appropriate action.

Seizure of heroin

@1156. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that heroin worth over rupees 1.25 crores in the international market was seized in Delhi on the 27th September, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total quantity of heroin along with its value seized from various places in the country during 1985;

(d) what steps are being taken to combat such activities of smugglers; and

@Previously starred question 329 transferred from the 19th November, 1985.

(e) in what manner the recovered heroin was disposed of and what amount of money it fetched?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No such cases of seizure of heroin worth over 1.25 crores has come to the notice of Delhi Police. However, on 27th September, 1985, the Delhi Police seized 115 Kg. of Charas and 2 Kg. of heroin.

(b) Details of the seizure are contained in the statement I enclosed and placed on the table of the House.

(c) The total quantity of heroin seized in the country during the year 1985 (up to 31-10-1985) is 512.628 Kg. However, no prices value of heroin seized can be given, as the illicit market prices vary widely depending upon the time and place of seizure, purity of the drug, etc.

(d) A statement II is laid on the table of the House.

(e) The seized heroin is case property. It will be disposed off after the finalisation of the case under the direction of the court concerned.

Statement-I

The steps taken by the Government to combat such activities of smugglers are as under:—

1. Raids are conducted to detect the places where heroin/smack is sold.

2. The field formations remain vigilant to check the smuggling of narcotics. Appropriate anti-smuggling measures are taken in consultation with the Central and State Governments concerned. Besides, close cooperation with the international agencies concerned is also maintained to curb smuggling of drugs. The matter is kept under constant review for appropriate action.

3. The Government has recently enacted a comprehensive legislation called "The Narcotic Drugs and Psychtropic Substances Act, 1985" (Act No. 61 of 1985) which contains deterrent penal provisions for offences connected with the narcotic drugs and psychotropic substance. A week long drive since 14-11-1985 has been launched by Delhi Police against Drugs Peddlers and Drugs users under this Act and so far 273 cases have been registered in which 273 persons including 27 ladies, 7 foreigners and 13 addicts have been arrested. A total quantity of 7.452 Kg. Charas, 3.470 Kg. Ganja, 0.571½ Kg. Heroin/Smack, 11.520 Kg. Poppy Head, 0.007 Kg. Opium, 0.140 Kg. Hashish, 0.028 Kg. Posth-Powder have been recovered.

4. Continuous efforts are made by the special Squad of the District to detect the drug peddlers by developing sources of intelligence.

5. Regular surprise checking of vehicles is organised to detect those involved in such crime.

6. Extensive day and night foot and mobile patrolling with walkie-talkie sets is being done.

Statement-II

On 27-9-1985, on the information, Car No. DIC-3368 was intercepted in the area of P. S. Roshan Ara. One Basant Kumar was driving the car and one Jaswant Singh, a notorious smuggler resident of Border area in District Ganga Nagar (Rajasthan) alongwith his brother Mohinder Singh were also sitting in the car. They all were arrested and 105 Kgs. of Charas and 2 Kg. of Heroin was recovered. During interrogation, it was revealed that Mominder Singh was a fake name and his real name is Abdul Latif and is a Pak National and has entered India without document. During interrogation of Abdul Latif, it was revealed that he had entered India not for the first time, but he had earlier also visited twice or thrice in connection with his smuggling activities. On the

interrogation of Basant Kumar, one Siri Chand of Delhi was also arrested and 10 Kgs. of Charas was recovered from one three wheeler scooter in the area of PS Subzi Mandi while he was going to make the delivery of the narcotics goods. Thus, 2 Kgs. of Heroin and 115 Kgs. of Charas have been recovered from this gang.

Cyclones in Andhra Pradesh

†1157. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that coastal area of Andhra Pradesh is prone to cyclone periodically;

(b) whether Government are contemplating a scheme to give warning to the resident of the area in that State well in time;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what is the number of times cyclone hit coastal area of Andhra Pradesh during the last three years year-wise and what are the details of loss of life and property during each of those years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is already being done.

(c) Cyclones are continuously tracked by INSAT-IB-satelilte and cyclone detection radars at Vishakhapatnam and Machilipatnam.

The residents of Andhra Pradesh are warned by Cyclone Warning Centre at Vishakhapatnam, by repeated broadcasts of "Cyclone Alert" and "Cyclone Warning" in regional languages through AIR stations in Andhra Pradesh. State and Central Govt. officials including the Chief Secretary and the district collectors in Andhra Pradesh are issued cyclone warnings directly by this Centre.

To improve the above conventional communication system and to cater to the needs of remote isolated coastal areas prone to cyclone, India Meteorological Department is implementing a scheme for dissemination of cyclone warning through a more dependable communication system called Disaster Warning System using INSAT-IB.

(d) Number of cyclones that hit Andhra Pradesh during the past 3 years and damages caused by them are given below in tabular form.

S. No.	Details	1982	1983	1984
1	No. of Storms	1	1	1
2	Lives lost	92	134	604
3	Cattle lost	400	11800	26346
4	Other animals lost	6700	31000	54367
5	Total value (Rs. Lakhs)	Not available	4661.75	6509

†Previously unstarred question 64- B, transferred from the 2nd November, 1985.